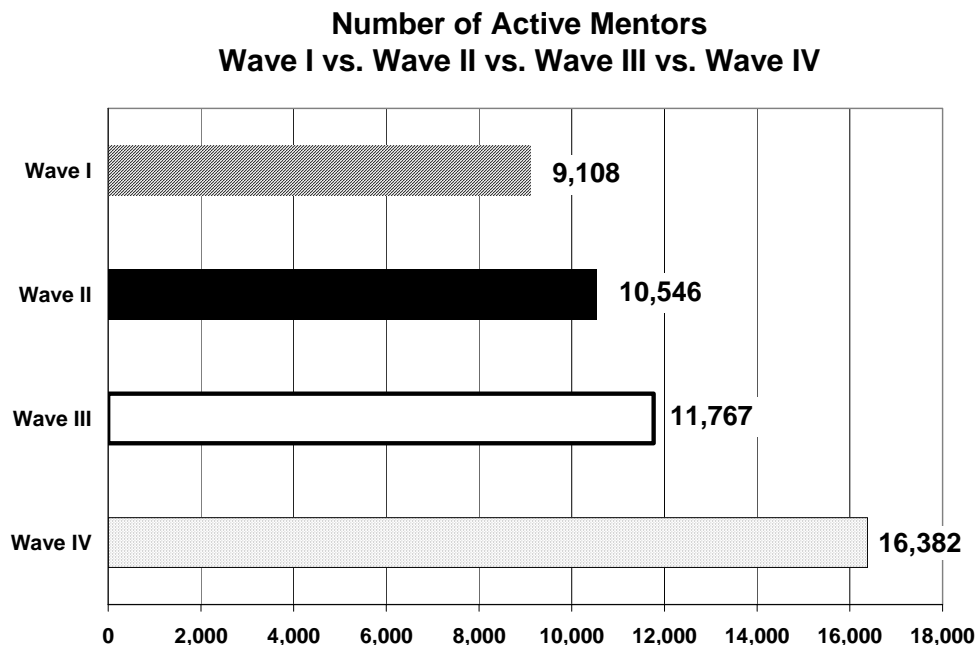


Mentor Michigan Census

Wave IV: Executive Summary

- Wave IV of the Mentor Michigan Census (MMC) was conducted in September and October of 2006. One hundred and thirty seven mentoring organizations operating 265 distinct programs report that they have matched 28,283 children with a mentor during the last year. This represents the largest number of children having mentors in the state's history and also the highest number of mentoring organizations ever responding to the MMC.
- As there are 237 organizations in the Mentor Michigan Registry, this survey achieved a 58% response rate. This is the highest ever recorded for the MMC. As there are organizations that did not report, it is reasonable to estimate that there are more than 35,000 mentoring relationships in the state of Michigan in 2006.
- Wave IV of the census documents 16,382 active mentors. Similar to above, this is the largest number of mentors ever counted in the state of Michigan. It compares to 11,767 mentors counted last wave, an increase of 5,065. These mentors represent organizations operating out of 39 of Michigan's 83 counties.



- Measuring another way confirms that the number of mentoring relationships in Michigan is growing. The table below shows that 41% of mentoring organizations report an increase while only 9% (the lowest ever measured) report a decrease in number of children matched. Among those organizations reporting an increase, in aggregate, the number matched with a mentor has increased by more than 4,000 since one year ago. Among those reporting a decrease, the aggregate number of matches is down 585. This yields a net change of more than 3,600 matches since last year at this time.

Change in the Number of Youth Mentored	
96 organizations report an increase in matches of	4,194
22 organizations report a decrease in matches of	585
Net change.....	3,609

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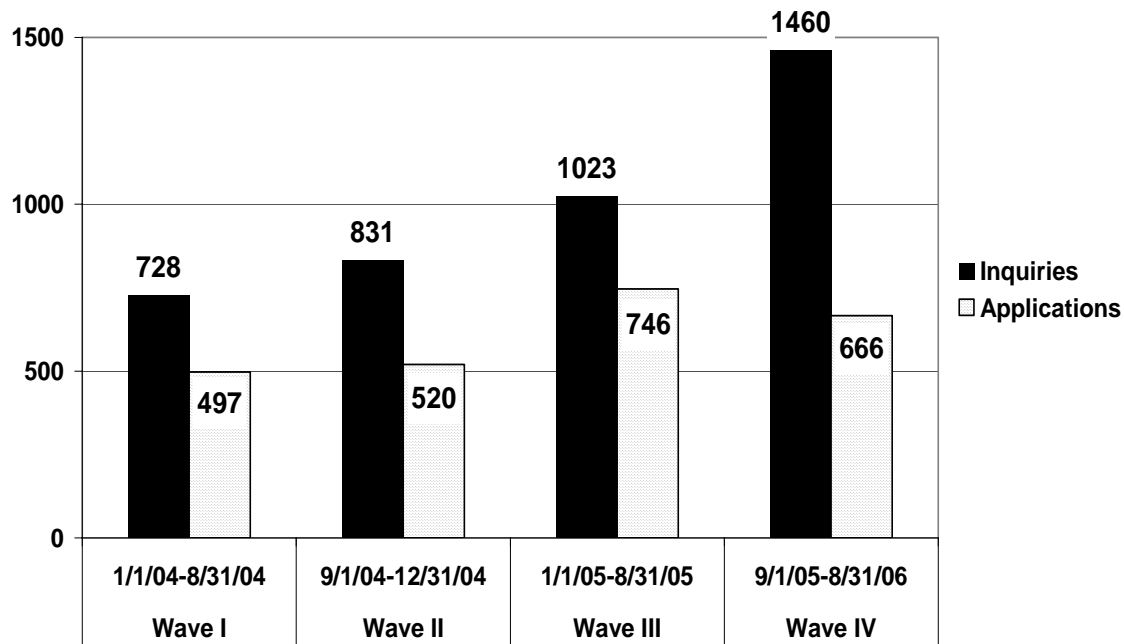
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- The number of inquiries to become a mentor received by Michigan's mentoring organizations is up substantially. More than 17,000 inquiries were counted during this Wave, again the highest ever. The monthly average of inquiries to become a mentor is increasing with each Wave. Yet, the number of written applications is not keeping pace with the number of inquiries. Still, 8,000 written applications (more than ever) to become a mentor were received by Michigan's mentoring organizations in the last year.

Mentor Inquiries and Applications

Monthly Averages:

Wave I vs. Wave II vs. Wave III vs. Wave IV



Type of Mentoring

- One to one mentoring is still the most common form practiced in Michigan, though in the last year more programs are moving to group mentoring.

Mentoring Intensity and Duration

- On measures of mentoring intensity and duration (average amount of time a mentor spends with youth per week, minimum time required, average match duration, minimum match duration), there is no significant change in this wave compared to the previous wave.

Screening

- There is no significant change in the percentage of organizations using each type of background checking approach, with two exceptions. The percentage requiring a written application from a mentor has declined by 10 percentage points and the number doing employment checks also decreased. Even with all the emphasis placed on doing background checks, 5% of organizations report they do none (same as last wave).

Mentor Demographics

- Michigan's mentors remain mostly female and white, with little change since last wave.